

Montgomery City-County Public Library

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New Releases in July

Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

Biography

Did Everyone Have an Imaginary Friend or Just Me? by Jay Ellis

The author recounts how his imaginary best friend helped him navigate his childhood as an only child and military brat who was always the new kid in school.

Genius of Judy, The by Rachelle Bergstein

Offers an expansive look at Judy Blume's life, work and cultural impact, focusing on her most iconic young adult novels.

JFK Jr: An Intimate Oral Biography by Beth Rogers (INT) / Liz Mcneil

Sharing stories and insights, JFK Jr.'s closest friends, confidantes, lovers, classmates, teachers and colleagues paint a portrait of one of the most notable figures of the 20th century.

Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit, A: The Vision of Mary Mcleod by Noliwe Rooks, edited by Henry Louis Gates

This biography of the educator and presidential advisor examines her career of public service and role as one of the earliest black female activists that helped lay the foundation of the modern civil rights movement.

Tiger, Tiger: The Untold Story of the G.O.A.T. by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge

A look at the life of Tiger Woods—how he rose to success, what drove him to fall so spectacularly, and how he has made his way back to the pinnacle of golf.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Bright Sword: A Novel of King Arthur, The by Lev Grossman

Arriving at Camelot to compete for a spot on the Round Table, a gifted young knight Collum, instead finds only a handful of knights left after the Battle of Camlann, and together, set out to rebuild Camelot.

Confessions of the Dead by James Patterson and J.D. Barker

The arrival of a mysterious teen girl disrupts the peace of Hollows Bend, leading Sheriff Pritchett to investigate a wave of crimes that lead him closer and closer to a lake that doesn't exist on any map.

I Was a Teenage Slasher by Stephen Graham Jones

A kid in a small Texas town finds himself cursed to kill for revenge in true slasher film-style.

Icarus Changeling, The by Timothy Zahn

An agent for the secret Icarus Group, Gregory Roarke, tasked with locating a teleportation portal on the world of Alaiinn, finds his assignment leading to a race against an alien enemy.

Lost Story, The by Meg Shaffer

Forced to return to the enchanted world they called home to confront their shared past no matter how traumatic the memories, artist Rafe and missing persons' investigator Jeremy search for everything they've lost.

Night Ends With Fire, The by K.X. Song

When her opium addicted father plans to sell her to a violent, ill-tempered man, Mellin disguises herself as a boy and enlists in the army where she has visions of a sea dragon spirit that offers her true power and freedom, but at a terrible price.

Wren in the Holly Library, The by K.A. Linde

Trapped in the library of an old Brownstone with a monster, street thief Kierse, when, instead of killing her, he offers her a job—a glimpse into who she really is, which could be something far worse than a monster.

General Fiction

All This and More by Peng Shepherd

From the author comes a novel about a woman who wins the chance to rewrite every mistake she's ever made...and how far she'll go to find her "happily ever after."

Between Friends & Lovers by Shirlene Obuobi

A story of love and friendship in the age of social media—where what you see may not be all you get.

Bookshop Sisterhood, The by Michelle Lindo-Rice

Four close friends are working toward the grand opening of their Black-owned bookstore when each has their world upended, and they must band together—or risk losing the business and their friendships.

Cliffs, The by J. Courtney Sullivan

Jane is hired to research the history of a Victorian house and the women who lived there, uncovering a story of lost lovers, romantic longing, shattering loss and the long shadow of colonialism.

Faculty Lounge, The by Jennifer Mathieu

When an elderly substitute teacher is found dead in the faculty lounge, the teachers scatter his ashes on the school grounds, setting in motion a year that can be described as wild, bizarre, tragic, mundane, beautiful and humorous all at once.

God of the Woods, The by Liz Moore

In 1975, when a camp counselor discovers the 13-year-old daughter of the summer camp's owners has disappeared just like her brother 14 years earlier, a panicked search begins as the secrets of the community are revealed.

Grown Women by Sarai Johnson

Three generations of black women in rural Tennessee find an unexpected chance for reconciliation when they reunite to raise a child.

Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

The Fletcher siblings must face desperate questions about how much their family's wealth has played a part in both their successes and failures.

Nude, The by Michelle C. Lindley

An art historian travels to a Greek island in pursuit of a found sculpture and finds herself immersed in a complicated love affair.

Pink Glass Houses by Asha Elias

A social satire explores the lives of the wealthy PTA moms of an elite elementary school in Miami Beach.

Thousand Times Before, A by Asha Thanki

A family narrative spanning from the era of partition in India to contemporary Brooklyn follows the lives of three generations of women united by their predecessors' experiences.

General Nonfiction

Adventures in Volcanoland by Tamsin Mather

A professor explores the cultural role volcanoes have played in history and how they have shaped our planet and future.

Cue the Sun!: The Invention of Reality TV by Emily Nussbaum

This history of reality television focuses on its origins as told through the voices of those who built it as well as the consequences of the hunt for something real inside something fake.

Hunger to Kill, A by Kim Mager / Lisa Pulitzer

Detective Kim Mager, a real-life version of Clarice Starling, reveals how she closed in on—and broke—one of Ohio's most infamous serial killers.

Reversing Alzheimer's by Heather Sandison

A dementia-care clinician presents an individualized, step-by-step, whole-body, evidence-based approach to reversing and preventing cognitive decline.

Secret History of Sharks, The by John Long

A paleontologist showcases the global search to discover sharks' secret history, from ancient megalodons to great whites.

Historical Fiction

Beyond Summerland by Jenny Lecoat

Explores the secrets and lies in a small community recovering from war, and the two young women at the center of a mystery.

House of Shades by Lianne Dillsworth

In Victorian London, a young female doctor embarks on a quest to find the truth that will unearth the secrets of the past.

Teddy by Emily Dunlay

A novel set in Rome in the late 1960s follows the free-spirited wife of an American diplomat as she tries to contain a scandal of her own making.

History

Decade of Disunion by Robert W. Merry

Exploring a lesson about the United States, the author shows how the country came apart during the slavery crisis of the 1850s.

Hidden History of the White House, The by Corey Mead

Equal parts social, political and cultural history, this book places us in the point of view of the historical figures who lived through the power struggles, scandals and unforgettable meetings in an American landmark.

Missing Thread, The: A Women's History of the Ancient World by Daisy Dunn

The author documents how women of antiquity are woven through the fabric of history, and finally take center stage.

This Fierce People: The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South by Alan Pell Crawford

This book excavates the three missing years between Monmouth and Yorktown, which recounts the battles fought in the South.

Mystery and Detective

Burning, The, No. 16 by Linda Castillo

Discovering the charred body of an Amish man, chained to a stake and burned alive, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder uncovers a secret legacy that shatters everything she knew about the Amish themselves—and her own roots.

Conditions of Unconditional Love, The, No. 15 by Alexander McCall Smith

While tapping into her stores of reserve to help navigate a delicate dispute, moral philosopher Isabel Dalhousie and her husband Jamie deal with tricky personal issues of their own.

Controversial Cover, A, No. 18 by Lorna Barrett

Tricia Miles investigates when a famous children's book author is found shot in the head right before an event at the local library.

Dog Day Afternoon, No. 29 by David Rosenfelt

A retired lawyer and dog rescue operator investigates after one of his recent adopters is implicated in a mass shooting at his workplace.

Lost Boy of Santa Chionia, The by Juliet Grames

In 1960 Calabria, 27-year-old American Francesca Lofffield, tasked with opening a nursery school in an isolated mountain village, is drawn into the mystery surrounding the identity of a recently discovered human skeleton.

Murder at the White Palace, No. 6 by Allison Montclair

In post-World War II London, the matchmakers of The Right Sort Marriage Bureau are involved in yet another murder.

Refiner's Fire, A, No. 33 by Donna Leon

Commissario Guido Brunetti investigates after one of his colleagues is attacked by a possible gang member while walking through Venice.

Trouble is Brewing, No. 5 by Vicki Delany

When bride-to-be Hannah unwraps a gift containing a beheaded Raggedy Ann doll at her shower, tearoom owner Lily Roberts finds things going from bad to worse when the groom's father is found dead.

Political Science

Autocracy Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World by Anne Applebaum

From the author comes an alarming account of how autocracies work together to undermine the democratic world, and how we should organize to defeat them.

Black Pill: How I Witnessed the Darkest Corners of the Internet Come to Life, Poison Society, and Capture American Politics by Elle Reeve

Depicts the United States of America as a country at a crossroads with the battle between the right and left spilling out from the darkest corners of the internet into the real world, with often tragic consequences.

Latino Century, The by Mike Madrid

A political consultant uses research and campaign experience to address how and why Republicans and Democrats have failed to appeal to the Latino vote.

Romance

Black Bird Oracle, The, No. 5 by Deborah Harkness

When the Congregation demands she and Matthew test the magic of their seven-year-old twins, Oxford scholar and witch, Diana Bishop, confronts her family's dark past and reckons with her desire for even greater power.

Calder Country, No. 4 by Janet Dailey

Making a deal to keep her smuggler father out of prison, Ruby Weaver agrees to help the Feds break up a bootlegging ring in 1920s Blue Moon, Montana.

Choice Considered, A, No. 2 by Tracie Peterson

The second novel in the Heart of Cheyenne series shows that love has a way of derailing even the most carefully laid plans.

Slow Dance by Rainbow Rowell

Fourteen years after they went their separate ways, 33-year-old Shiloh, a divorced, single mom living in the same house she grew up in, attends a high school friend's wedding in hopes of seeing the boy she never realized she loved until he was lost.

Summer Pact, The by Emily Giffin

Ten years after they made a pact, promising to always be there for each other in their times of need, Hannah, when one of the happiest moments of her life is suddenly turned upside down, calls on her closest friend.

Story Collections

Craft: Stories I Wrote for the Devil by Ananda Lima

A collection of short stories as told by a Brazilian-American writer who slept with the devil at a Halloween party in 1999 and who spends the rest of her life describing to him beautiful and impossible things.

There is Happiness: New and Selected Stories by Brad Watson

This posthumous collection of never-before-read stories from the master of contemporary Southern fiction rollercoasters from the mournful to the comical is embedded in a literary heritage tied to place and at home in a literature of the absurd.

Suspense

Astrology House, The by Jade Carinn

A group of wealthy Manhattanites escape to an astrology-themed retreat, where simmering resentments and long-held secrets lead to a shocking death.

Bad Tourists by Caro Carver

Three tight-knit friends embark on an extravagant divorce trip to the Maldives where they can unwind and celebrate a new chapter in midlife—until they realize the resort of their dreams is harboring a killer.

Book of Elsewhere, The by Keanu Reeves and China Mieville

A warrior who cannot be killed, known as "B," wants to die and a U.S. black-ops group has promised they can help with that if he helps them in return, but when a mortal soldier comes back to life, the event points to a force even more mysterious than "B."

Breaking the Dark, No. 1 by Lisa Jewell

Retired superhero Jessica Jones helps a distraught mother search for her missing teenage twins who disappeared while visiting their father in the UK.

Briar Club, The by Kate Quinn

In 1950 Washington, D.C., at an all-female boardinghouse called Briarwood, widow Grace March moves into the attic room, and draws her collection of neighbors into friendship, but when an act of violence tears the house apart, the women must expose the enemy in their midst.

Death in Cornwall, A by Daniel Silva

A brutal murder, a missing masterpiece and a mystery can only be solved by Gabriel Allon.

Desperation Reef by Jefferson T. Parker

A woman whose husband died tragically twenty-five years prior at a big-wave surfing competition must face the same contest again when her grown twin sons follow in their father's footsteps.

Flashpoint, No. 27 by Catherine Coulter

FBI agent Dillon Savich races to protect a witness from an attack and help a psychic child search for her missing father.

Hard to Kill, No.3 by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

Attorney Jane Smith takes on the case of an unlucky man accused of killing a family of three and potentially a second family.

Look in the Mirror by Catherine Steadman

When her late father leaves her property in the British Virgin Islands—a vacation home she never knew existed, Nina wonders what else he was hiding, and finds out that what you inherit can end up costing your life.

One Big Happy Family by Jamie Day

The Precipice is a legendary, family-owned hotel situated on the coast of Maine, and the Bishop sisters—Iris, Vicki, and Faith—have come for the weekend to claim it.

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Shadow, No. 19 by Brian Freeman

When he meets a woman who recognizes him as David Webb, Bourne is forced to confront the dangerous ghosts of a past he doesn't even remember.

Shadow of Doubt by Brad Thor

When a plot to destroy the United States is uncovered, the lives of a Russian defector, a beautiful Norwegian intelligence officer and a deadly American spy are intertwined, as friends can appear as enemies and enemies as friends.

Storm Child by Michael Robotham

When the bodies of 17 migrants wash up on shore, Evie, who, as a child, was discovered hiding in a secret room where a man had been tortured to death, discovers she is linked to this tragedy that could unlock the secrets of her past.

W.E.B. Griffin Zero Option, No. 9 by Peter Kirsanow

In November 1943, when Roosevelt and Churchill meet Stalin in Tehran, OSS leader Wild Bill Donovan has intelligence that someone is planning to assassinate both Western leaders at the conference and sends his best agent to thwart the plan.

What Have You Done? by Shari Lapena

When the body of Diana Brewer is discovered in a hayfield by a local farmer, Fairfield, Vermont, a town of familiar faces becomes a town of suspects and a place of fear and paranoia where everyone wants answers.

Wilds, The, No. 3 by Sarah Pearse

After a young woman vanishes without a trace while on a trip to a Portuguese national park, leaving behind a disturbing map, Detective Elin Warner must untangle the clues, discovering when you follow a trail, you must be careful to watch your back.

Woman Who Lied, The by Claire Douglas

A best-selling detective novelist and her family are in danger when chilling events from her novels begin happening around her.

